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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **ASADA, Hitoshi et al.**

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For: **CMOS IMAGE SENSOR AND MANUFACTURING METHOD OF THE SAME**

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Sir:

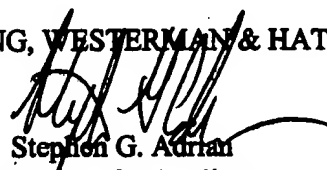
Applicants received the Notice of Allowance dated May 16, 2003. In reviewing the Notice of Allowance, it appears that the Preliminary Amendment filed March 7, 2003, was not considered.

A copy of the Preliminary Amendment with date-stamped postcard is attached.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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